(c) if so, the number of such groups identified so far by Government and the details thereof; and

(d) what concrete steps have been taken by Government to check it?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) to (d) The Government is aware that Pakistan and other anti-India people arc using WEB sites as medium for propaganda against India.

Internet is a conglomeration of networks having presence in over 200 countries. Hence it is difficult to exactly identify the location of a particular group, involved in such activities. However, from the messages of the sites, and from international reports, it has been identified that groups such as GFORCE Pakistan and Pakistan Hackerz Club (PHC) may have been involved.

The Information Technology Act, 2000 has adequate provisions under para nos. 65 and 66 of Chapter XI to deal with cyber crimes such as hacking and tampering with computer source documents.

The Government has issued the security guidelines for individual/ internet users in the Ministries/Departments of the Government. The Schedule II of the Rules of IT Act, 2000 also includes IT Security guidelines.

FDI in information sector

4475. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved some Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) proposals in the information sector;

(b) if so, the amount of FDI involved in those proposals; and

(c) what are the details of the FDI proposals approved upto the 31st March, 2001?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

Period: August 1991—February 2001

FDI Approval Numbers: 1917

Amount of FDI Approved: Rs. 19554.50 crores.

The data for the month of March, 2001 is under compilation.

Performance of States In export of Software

4476. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released any official publication on the performance of various States in the export of software and services;

(b) if so, the performance of each State in this regard during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002; and

(c) the States which are at the forefront?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC), an autonomous organisation of the Ministry of Information Technology,
Government of India has released the performance of export of software and services by various States. A statement giving the export of software and services, State-wise, for the year 1999-2000 is enclosed. *(See* below) The States of Karnataka, Delhi and Maharashtra are at the forefront in the software and services exports.